

September 19, 2001

**HEALTH CARE FOR UNITED STATES VETERANS RESIDING IN THE  
PHILIPPINES**

**1. PURPOSE:** This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides the policy for delivery of health care services to the United States (U.S.) veterans residing in the Philippines.

**2. BACKGROUND:** On October 27, 2000, Public Law 106-377, the Department of Veterans Affairs/Housing and Urban Development/Independent Agencies Appropriations Act was enacted. Section 501(c) of that law expands health care eligibility for U.S. veterans living in the Philippines. It adds the following new subsection (e) to United States Code (U.S.C.) 38 1724, “Within the limits of an outpatient clinic in the Republic of the Philippines that is under the direct jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary may furnish a veteran who has a service-connected disability with such medical services as the Secretary determines to be needed.”

a. Prior to the enactment of this law, VA was limited to providing treatment for U.S. veterans in the Philippines only for their service-connected conditions.

b. The reference to “an outpatient clinic in the Republic of the Philippines” refers to the Manila VA Clinic, which is located at 2201 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila.

c. The reference to “within the limits” of this clinic refers to fact that the specific medical services to be provided will be limited to the scope of services available at the Manila VA Clinic.

**3. POLICY:** It is VHA policy that service-connected U.S. veterans who receive services through the Manila VA Clinic may now be treated for nonservice-connected disabilities, as provided in Public Law 106-377.

**4. ACTION:** Within the limits of available resources, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 21 and the Manila VA Clinic are responsible for ensuring that services are provided in accordance with this Directive.

**5. REFERENCE:** Public Law 106-377, Section 501(c).

**6. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** The Director, Health Administration Services (10C3), is responsible for the content of this Directive.

**7. RESCISSION:** This VHA Directive expires on September 19, 2006.

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